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LONDON FOR AMBASSADOR: PLS PASS AMBASSADOR KAISER

E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: EEWT, HU
SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN TRADE AGREEMENT

REF: A) STATE 022376, B) BUDAPEST 426, C) STATE 025884

1. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER JANOS NAGY CALLED IN CHARGE
AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 1 TO DELIVER REPLY TO U.S. PROPOSAL
RE NEGOTIATIONS ON TRADE AGREEMENT. NAGY STATED THAT
GOH WAS PREPARED TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6.
AFTER DISCUSSION, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS
WOULD FORMALLY BEGIN 10:00 FEBRUARY 7, AND THAT BOTH SIDES
WOULD BE PREPARED TO MEET IN MORNING AND AFTERNOON
SESSIONS THROUGHOUT WEEK (INCLUDING SATURDAY MORNING IF NECESSARY).
COMMENT: EMBASSY CONCURS WITH REFTEL C THAT DELEGATION
WORKING SESSIONS AT EMBASSY FEBRUARY 6 HIGHLY DESIRABLE.
END COMMENT.

2. CHARGE PROVIDED NAGY WITH LIST OF U.S. DELEGATION
TRANSMITTED REFTEL C. MINISTRY HAS ALREADY INSTRUCTED
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HUNGARIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON TO EXPEDITE VISAS. ANY
MEMBERS OF DELEGATION WHO HAVE NOT YET DONE SO SHOULD
APPLY IMMEDIATELY FOR VISAS; PLEASE ADVISE IF ANY MEMBERS
NOT IN WASHINGTON AND NEED ASSISTANCE FACILITATING VISA
ISSUANCE ELSEWHERE.

3. NAGY ASKED FOR ARRIVAL INFORMATION ASAP SO THAT GOH

CAN EXTEND APPROPRIATE AIRPORT COURTESIES. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT DELEGATION PLAN TO LEAVE BUDAPEST FEBRUARY 12 OR 13 IN CASE WEEKEND NEGOTIATING IS NECESSARY.

4. NAGY WAS NOT PREPARED TO NAME HUNGARIAN DELEGATION, BUT ANTICIPATED THAT NEGOTIATIONS WOULD TAKE PLACE AT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE. HE SAID THAT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WOULD PROBABLY BE REPRESENTED ON DELEGATION, AND IN ANY CASE WOULD BE CLOSELY FOLLOWING NEGOTIATIONS. CHARGE POINTED OUT THAT MUCH OF DRAFT DEALT WITH BUSINESS FACILITATION, INCLUDING NUMBER OF TOPICS WITHIN AUTHORITY OF DIPLOMATIC SERVICE BUREAU (DTI); NAGY TOOK THE POINT.

5. NAGY REFERRED TO DISCUSSION OF PRESS GUIDANCE AT PREVIOUS MEETING (REFTEL B), AND SAID GOH PREPARED TO ISSUE BRIEF STATEMENT FOR PUBLICATION FEBRUARY 8 SAYING SIMPLY THAT NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEGUN. CHARGE ADVISED NAGY THAT EMBASSY HAS NOT YET RECEIVED GUIDANCE. COMMENT: GOH WOULD APPARENTLY PREFER TO MAKE A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT, BUT IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS U.S. DESIRES. PLEASE PROVIDE GUIDANCE PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 3. END COMMENT.

6. EMBASSY HAS RESERVED ROOMS FOR DELEGATION AT DUNA INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL. COST OF ROOMS APPROXIMATELY \$48 PER CONFIDENTIAL

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NIGHT (NOT INCLUDING BREAKFAST) EXCEEDS PER DIEM AND DELEGATION MEMBERS SHOULD REQUEST ORDERS FOR ACTUAL SUBSISTENCE. ALTERNATIVELY, EMBASSY COULD CHANGE RESERVATIONS TO ROYAL (COST APPROX. \$22 PER NIGHT INCLUDING BREAKFAST) OR SIMILAR HOTEL IF DELEGATION PREFERS. PLEASE ADVISE.
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